

Single Subject American Sign Language Credential Option

Commission on Teacher Credentialing

In February 2004, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved American Sign Language (ASL) as a Language Other Than English (LOTE). Therefore, since April, a panel of experts in American Sign Language has been working with Commission staff and National Evaluation Systems (NES) to create subject matter requirements, program requirements and a subject matter exam for a Single Subject Credential in American Sign Language. Candidates who are seeking the Single Subject: ASL Credential will be able to meet subject matter requirements by taking an exam or completing a university subject matter preparation program. Since this is a newly created credential area, NES and the Commission are interested in knowing how many people may be interested in taking the exam. Currently, individuals may be assigned to teach ASL with an Education Specialist: Deaf and Hard of Hearing credential, on a local teaching assignment option or an emergency permit.

Which of the following statements best applies to you?

- ☐ 1. I am currently assigned to teach ASL and would be interested in earning a Single Subject Credential in ASL.
- ☐ 2. I am not currently assigned to teach ASL but would be interested in earning the Single Subject Credential in ASL.
- ☐ 3. I am not currently interested in earning the Single Subject Credential in ASL.

In your opinion, if you were planning to earn an ASL authorization, which would be the preferable way to meet subject matter requirements

- ☐ 1. An exam in ASL.
or
- ☐ 2. Completion of a university subject matter preparation program in ASL.

Responses are due by December 13, 2004

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